tion, aims at ensuring optimal use of water resources for various uses, including drought management. Inter-State problems of water sharing are sought to be resolved on the basis of an amicable settlement between the States concerned; and where a dispute persists, by taking recourse to the provisions of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956.

Inspection of the working of the Fair Price Shops

*96. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that good quality of foodgrains are reaching only to the rich in Delhi as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 14th May, 1987;

(b) if so, whether any thorough inspection of the working of the Fair Price Shops in the capital has been undertaken; and

(c) the steps being taken to rectify the procedure adopted by Fair Price Shops in obtaining quality foodgrains and ensure that only quality foodgains are supplied to the customers at all these shops?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Import of white cement

*97. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NAFED had imported white cement during 1984-85;

(b) the names of the countries from which the said cement was imported;

(c) whether it is a fact that complaints, discontentment and disputes have arisen in these transactions;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) the names of agencies like NAFED which were allowed or given licences for the import of such items?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) NAFED imported white cement during 1984-85 from South Korea.

(c) and (d) Dispute had arisen from an interpretation of the Import Policy regarding imports under OGL. It is pending in the Delhi High Court.

(e) During 1984-85 the Oil and Natural Gas Commission/Oil India Ltd. imported cement through State Trading Corporation, the canalising agency, under Open General Licence (OGL).

Shortage of drinking water

*98. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the drinking water shortage in Bhopal due to low water level of Bhopal tank and failure of rains;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to provide sufficient drinking water to Bhopal city;

(c) whether Government have given any assistance to meet drinking water shortage in Bhopal; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (It has been reported that due to inadequate rainfall the inflow into the Upper Lake in Bhopal, which serves as the source of water supply to Bhopal city has been considerably reduced.

(b) The State Government has intimated that they have already started pumping daily 6 million

gallons of water from the Karwan tank into the Upper Lake. The State Government are also reported to have added 115 tubewells with handpumps to serve the drinking water needs of the residents of Bhopal city.

(c) and (d) The Govt. of Madhya Pradesh have been sanctioned in February, 1987 an amount of Rs. 6.66 crores (Rs. 1.35 crores for urban sector and Rs. 5.31 crores for rural sector) for drinking water during 1986-87 and 1987-88 (upto 30.6.87).

Brackish Water fishing

*99. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any comprehensive scheme to improve the Brackish Water Fishing in Pambon areas of Rameshwaram island; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the stage of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) Under the Drought Prone Area Programme, the Tamil Nadu Government have sanctioned a scheme to improve Brackish Water Fish Farming in the Pambon area of Rameshwaram island.

(b) The scheme, sanctioned in 1985, envisages the development of 10 hectares of brackish water fish farm at an estimated cost of Rs. 13.50 lakhs. The civil works for the scheme are yet to begin because of the delay in the transfer of the land from the Revenue to the Fisheries Department of the State Government.

Labour welfare projects in Rourkela Steel city

*100. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of labour welfare projects undertaken during the last three years in Rourkela Steel city;

(b) what is the amount spent thereon; and

(c) what is the number of labourers benefited directly and indirectly by the project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Rourkela Steel Plant has a number of on-going labour welfare projects in various sectors like housing, medical aid, education, cooperative societies and community centres. These have been successfully operated during the last three years.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on the already initiated and on-going welfare schemes during the last three years is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Total Expenditure (Approximately)
1984-85	24.48
1985-86	28.00
1986-87 (provisional)	62.10

(c) Almost all the employees numbering approximately 38650 and their entitled dependents have been availing themselves of these welfare amenities in some form or the other.

नर्मदा प्राधिकरण की स्थापना

664. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शाद बेग** : क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नर्मदा प्राधिकरण की स्थापना संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) यह कब तक कार्यान्वित हो जाएगा तथा इस प्राधिकरण का स्वरूप क्या होगा ; और

(ग) नर्मदा प्राधिकरण की वित्तीय आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने वाले स्रोतों का ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ?